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Devereaux, Lewis, Kelly Named Individual President's Award Winners; Metro Receives Top Sustainability Award

INDIAN WELLS – San Bernardino County Chief Executive Officer Greg Devereaux, developer Randall Lewis and California State Transportation Agency Secretary Brian P. Kelly were honored Thursday night with President's Awards from the Southern California Association of Governments.

Greg Devereaux was honored as Public Service Leader of the Year for his outstanding civic leadership for many years in Southern California, most recently as CEO of the County of San Bernardino, which recently adopted the a Strategic Plan revitalizing the county. Additionally, Devereaux has been a consistent and regular leader on best practices for our communities on business revitalization and investments.

Randall Lewis, Executive Vice President for the Lewis Group of Companies was recognized as the Sustainability Leader of the Year. Regarded as an industry leader in promoting the arts, education, healthy living and sustainable development initiatives, Lewis was recognized for contributing company resources to establish a student fellows program in many cities in SCAG's six-county region and increasing community awareness of community health. Lewis participated on SCAG's Regional Council and Executive Committee and regularly provides thoughtful input to SCAG officials on business matters.

Brian Kelly, sworn in as the first Secretary of the new California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) in 2013, received the Regional Leadership and Partnership Award for his long-standing record of innovative and collaborative transportation solutions for the last decade-and-a-half on behalf of the California Legislature and now, the Governor. This year, Secretary Kelly successfully worked with the Legislature, stakeholders, transportation agencies and cities to enact the highly regarded Active Transportation Program. In Southern California, this program is highly supported by SCAG and cities seeking to ensure safe and reliable bike corridors.

"These gentlemen are true leaders in our region and our state, and we're proud to honor them as President's Award winners," said Greg Pettis, SCAG Immediate Past President and a Cathedral City council member. "Each has contributed significantly to making Southern California such an extraordinary region, and upholding SCAG's principles of mobility, economic advancement, sustainability and improving quality of life."

Also honored with SCAG's top Sustainability Award was the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for its First/Last Mile Strategic Plan & Planning Guidelines. Award judges said the plan facilitates easy, safe, and efficient access to the Metro system, aligns with the principles and goals of SCAG's 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and serves as a resource for Metro and many public/private organizations throughout the region on land-use planning, business modeling, entitlement processes and other needs.

The awards were presented during Thursday night's President's Dinner, culminating the first day of SCAG's 2014 Regional Conference & General Assembly.

Other Sustainability Awards were presented earlier in the day:

Excellence in Active Transportation:

City of Santa Monica, Bike Santa Monica/Santa Monica Bike Action Plan

Excellence in Green Region:

City of San Gabriel, Greening the Code

Excellence in Integrated Planning:

City of Santa Ana, Triada at the Station District

Achievement in Active Transportation:

Los Angeles Department of Transportation, LADOT People St

City of Yucaipa, Historic Uptown Revitalization Program

Achievement in Green Region:

City of Oxnard, Groundwater Recovery, Enhancement and Treatment (GREAT) Program

City of Lynwood, City-wide Residential Design Guidelines

Achievement in Integrated Planning:

Imperial County Transportation Commission, El Centro and Brawley Transit Transfer Stations

San Bernardino Associated Governments & County of San Bernardino, Countywide Vision

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